IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Serial No.: 09/818,165

Filed: March 27, 2001

Art Unit: 2154

Examiner: Wen Tai Lin

Attorney Docket No.: 00-812-US

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for a total period of one month, through and including October 4, 2004 to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 3, 2004. If an additional extension of time is required to insure that this paper is timely filed, please consider this a petition therefor.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

hereby certify that this pape	r (along with any ret	ferred to as being attacl	hed or enclosed) is being
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deposited with the United States Postal Service on October 4, 2004 with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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The Response to Office Action for which this			
extension is requested			
is filed herewith.			
has been filed.			
The response is the filing of a continuing			
application on the same date hereof, and the abandonment of this			
application is expressly conditioned on the granting of a filing			
date for the continuing application.			
Applicant is			
□ a small entity - verified statement			
is attached.			
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other than a small entity.			

The extension fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5) is calculated below:

	LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	\$ 110	\$ 55
two months	\$ 430	\$ 215
three months	\$ 980	\$ 490
_ four months	\$1,530	\$ 765
five months	\$2,080	\$1,040
Fee:	\$ 0.00	\$55.00

Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$55.00 to cover the extension of time fee for one month.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$[amount] extension fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0582.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0582. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 4, 2004

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